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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God and provider, we thank You for the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of this great Nation. May we be good stewards of Your gifts. Lord, as we reflect on the future, we pray that Your sovereign presence will protect us from evil and equip us to do what is right and just and good.

We pray for our Senators today, asking that You would keep them in good health and focused on Your plans to guide and prosper them and the Nation they serve. We are grateful that You are here on Capitol Hill, listening, watching, and judging. May all of our elected leaders do what is right for Your everlasting glory.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable AL FRANKEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, November 29, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable AL FRANKEN, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,

President pro tempore.

Mr. FRANKEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 4 p.m. today, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes during that period of time. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Food Safety Modernization Act. At 5:30 today, Senator-elect MARK KIRK will be sworn to be a Senator from the State of Illinois. At 6:30, the Senate will proceed to vote on the substitute amendment to the food safety bill. Under an agreement reached before the recess, if cloture is invoked, all postcloture debate time will be yielded back except for the time allotted in agreement and the only amendments or motions in order are motions to suspend the rules offered by Senators JOHANNIS and BAUCUS, both relating to 1099 forms, and two offered by Senator COBURN, one relating to earmarks and another, a complete substitute for the bill. If cloture is invoked, we will debate the motions and then stack the votes for later tonight. There is up to 1 hour total on the JOHANNIS and BAUCUS motions and 4 hours on the COBURN motions. Upon disposition of the motions, the Senate will proceed to vote on passage of the food safety bill.

I spoke to Senator MCCONNELL earlier today. It was suggested that what

we would do, if we can get permission from the Senate, is have the two votes. We will have the cloture vote and JOHANNIS and BAUCUS, and then there is 4 hours of debate, which would put us until 11, 11:30 tonight. I think Senator MCCONNELL and I believe it would be to everyone's interest to have those three votes in the morning at 9 o'clock. Senator MCCONNELL and I have a meeting at the White House, and we would have to have the votes start at 9. That is where we will try to get to, so everyone should be alerted to the schedule issue.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA'S UPSET OF BOISE STATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, when you talk about the top teams in college football since the start of the century, you have to talk about Boise State University. A lot of people know about their famous blue turf and their quick, creative offense. Even casual college football fans can talk like experts about the stunning trick plays that led the Broncos over a heavily favored Oklahoma team in a 2007 bowl game.

It is decidedly one of the most dominant programs of the decade. How dominant? Since Boise State joined the Western Athletic Conference in 2001, it had lost just four conference games in 10 years.

On Friday night in Reno, it lost its fifth.

Boise State came in ranked third in the country and was on track for its third undefeated season in 5 years. It had a shot at the national championship. But thanks to the University of Nevada Wolf Pack and its brilliant head coach, Chris Ault, Boise State is no longer in the running. And now when you talk about the top upsets in college football, you have to talk about Nevada.

Nevada and Boise State have been rivals for a long time—back when they played in the Big Sky and Big West Conferences, and in the Western Athletic Conference where they play

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